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		Application Number	09/749,395-Conf. #5525	
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		Examiner Name	A. Bello	
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	Filing Fees Fee (\$)	Filing Fees		Search Fees		Examination Fees		Fees Paid (\$)
		Small Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100		
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65		
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80		
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300		
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0		

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

_____ - 20 = _____ x _____ = _____

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

_____ - 3 = _____ x _____ = _____

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

	Fees Paid (\$)
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1806 Submission of an Information Disclosure Statement	180.00

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For: CHANNEL BALANCING OF A
WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXED
OPTICAL SIGNAL

Examiner: A. Bello

LETTER

MS Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was received in the present application on July 18, 2006. During a final review of the present application, it was discovered that U.S. Patent No. 5,093,876 and WO 99/00924, copies of which are attached hereto were not submitted to the U.S. Patent Office in the form of an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that these references were cited in a corresponding foreign application to the present application. These references have been reviewed and it is believed that these references are not material to the patentability of the present application. If the Examiner believes that these references are material to the patentability, it is respectfully requested for the Examiner to consider these references. Otherwise, it is requested that the Examiner simply place these references in the application file.

It is also noted that an Information Disclosures Statement was submitted concurrently with the filing of the present Letter. It is requested that the Examiner initial the PTO/SB/08 Form attached thereto to indicate consideration of the references listed thereon.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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